

[Sutherland, Ira]

Ira Sutherland

On Wednesday, December 30th, as the old year was leaving[,] Ira Sutherland quietly slipped away after being confined to the house for several weeks from the infirmities of old age, the immediate cause of his death being bronchial pneumonia. He was the oldest citizen in our village and was born in the town of Otsego, April 11, 1836, the son of John and Lucinda Hyde Sutherland, being of direct Scotch [Scottish] descent. [On] Dec. 11, 1862 he married Sabine Scott who died in May 1911.

During his early married life he lived in several western states, being in Washington, Wyoming and New Mexico.

One daughter, Gertrude, was born [in] May, 1868, and she died [in] February, 1890 while they were living in the west. His early life was full of travels and adventures and it was very interesting to listen to his recital of those days. For the past seven years he has lived with a niece, Mrs. Flora Sutherland Babcock and during his declining years and illness has been cared for by her. He was the oldest in Masonry [Masonry] in Schuyler Lake Lodge F. and A.M., No. 162 and as long as health permitted was a regular attendant. He was a congenial and friendly man and he will be missed among the townspeople as he made a daily visit at the stores as along as possible. His funeral was held Saturday from the Universalist church, the Rev. George Boorn officiating[,] assisted by the Masons who gave the Masonic service at the church. His body was placed in the vault.

The surviving relatives are one brother, Orlando Sutherland of Hartford, Conn.; a brother-in-law, Leon Scott, who lives on the west side of Canadarago Lake; several nieces and nephews among them Mrs. Flora Babcock and her children; Mrs. C. F. Bliss and children; Louis Sutherland of Ilion and Mrs. Janet Carrington of Syracuse.

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